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Mr. Paul Thornton
Project Director
City of Vienna
609 29th Street
Vienna, WV 26105

Dear Mr. Thornton:

Thank you for submitting a grant proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Brownfields Program Grant competition. I regret to inform you that your proposal was not selected because it did not score high enough on the ranking criteria established in the FY16 Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants. EPA received nearly 500 proposals requesting over 690 grants for consideration and had funds to award approximately 217 grants from the highest ranking proposals.

Your proposal was evaluated along with other proposals received by the deadline as part of the FY16 National Brownfields Program Grant competition. All of the proposals were evaluated by panels consisting of EPA staff, as well as other federal representatives. These panels assessed how well the proposals met the criteria outlined in the proposal guidelines.

Although your proposal was unsuccessful this round, we encourage you to consider reapplying in the FY17 grant competition cycle should funding become available. In addition, if you have questions as to why you were not selected for funding, you may request a debriefing from your EPA Regional Brownfields Contact within fifteen calendar days of receiving this letter. For further information about the debriefing process and any dispute rights with respect to competition-related issues under this announcement, please refer to Section VI.F of the proposal guidelines.

If you have questions regarding the next Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant competition, please contact your EPA Regional Brownfields Contact, Tom Stolle, at 215-814-3129 or stolle.tom@epa.gov.

I commend your efforts and appreciate the time and energy you put into preparing your grant proposal. Although your proposal was not selected, we thank you for your continued efforts to return brownfields to productive reuse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "David R. Lloyd", is positioned above the printed name.

David R. Lloyd, Director
Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

cc: Tom Stolle